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(U) Los Angeles – Downtown LA Businesses Vandalized During Unruly Lakers Victory Celebration

(U) Several thousand happy Los Angeles Lakers fans streamed into downtown Los Angeles outside Staples Center Sunday night to celebrate the team's NBA championship, according to Los Angeles police and media reports from the scene. The scene outside Staples Center, which was being monitored by Los Angeles police in riot gear, was initially raucous but peaceful for the first half hour or so. Video posted on Twitter shows Los Angeles police officers firing non-lethal projectiles at Lakers fans celebrating the team's championship win at the Staples Center, and people in the crowd trying to damage police vehicles by kicking and throwing objects at them. Approximately 75 to 80 arrests were made, and several injuries were reported, according to police.

SOURCE: 12 October 2020, [NBC Los Angeles](#)

(U) Menifee – Woman Accused of Stealing \$500,000 in COVID-19 Unemployment Benefits

(U) A Menifee woman was arrested on federal charges Friday, alleging she defrauded the state unemployment insurance system of more than \$500,000 in COVID-19 unemployment benefits. Cara Marie Kirk-Connell, 32, was named in a federal criminal complaint that charges her with identity theft, mail fraud and access device fraud, the federal Department of Justice said in a news release. According to an affidavit filed with the complaint, Murrieta police conducted a traffic stop of Kirk-Connell on 11 September. A search of the car resulted in the seizure of eight debit cards that contained unemployment benefits in other people's names, as well as more than \$30,000 in cash and several driver's licenses for other motorists.

SOURCE: 10 October 2020, [The Mercury News](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Officials Record Second-Largest Meth Bust at Otay Mesa Port of Entry

(U) San Diego – Authorities discovered 3,000-pounds of methamphetamine, plus heroin and fentanyl, in a semi-trailer at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry on Friday, in what is said to be the second-largest meth bust along the southwest US border. The drugs, worth an estimated \$7.2 million, were bundled up in cardboard boxes and tucked in the trailer along with boxes of medical lab supplies, US Customs and Border Protection officials said.

SOURCE: 11 October 2020, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

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(U) Colorado – One Dead After Shooting at Rallies; Private Security Guard Arrested

(U) Denver – One person has died and another man, a private security guard contracted for protection of media reporters during the demonstration, is in custody after a shooting during dueling protests Saturday in downtown Denver. Media reports later confirmed the guard was contracted through Pinkerton and "that it has been the practice of 9NEWS for a number of months to hire private security to

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accompany staff at protests.” Police said that the suspect was a private security guard with no affiliation with Antifa. The incident occurred after a man participating in what was billed a “Patriot Rally” sprayed mace at another man. That man then shot the other individual with a handgun near the courtyard outside the Denver Art Museum, according to a Denver Post journalist who witnessed the incident.

SOURCE: 10 October 2020, [Denver Post](#)

(U) Georgia – Cyberattack on State Agency Exposes Data of Citizens

(U) Atlanta – Hackers breached state e-mail accounts with the Georgia Department of Human Services exposing personal information of adults and children who have cases with Child Protective Services and the Division of Family and Children Services. The breach happened in the first two weeks of May, but state officials say it was August before state officials learned attackers were able to obtain emails that contained personal data, including health information.

SOURCE: 9 October 2020, [WSB-TV](#)

(U) Nevada – 28 Arrested in Weeklong Human Trafficking Sting

(U) Reno – 28 people suspected of child sex crimes were arrested as part of a weeklong human trafficking sting operation led by the FBI, according to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Conducted by the FBI's Northern Nevada Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Task Force, and a number of local law enforcement agencies, the operation made the arrests over a four-night span at a home in South Reno. Officials say that all the suspects arrived at a home in South Reno to knowingly engage in, and pay for, sex acts with a minor. They were all were arrested on felony charges of soliciting a child for prostitution and attempted child abuse, according to the sheriff's office.

SOURCE: 9 October 2020, [Reno Gazette Journal](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Authorities Charge Man with Alleged ISIS Murders in Syria and Iraq

(U) Paris – Authorities in France have charged a man with murder days after his extradition from Turkey, holding him in custody over crimes alleged to have taken place in ISIS-controlled areas of Iraq and Syria. The 26-year-old man is believed to have arrived in the region in 2012, where anti-terror prosecutors say he committed "murder in connection with a terrorist undertaking" and joined a "terrorist conspiracy." He is believed to have played an important role in and have information on the French jihadist scene.

SOURCE: 10 October 2020, [RFI](#)

(U) Mexico – National Guard Seizes 180-Gallons of Liquid Meth Destined for Tijuana

(U) Mexico City – Mexico's National Guard says it has seized 180-gallons of liquid methamphetamines at a package delivery warehouse in the northern state of Sonora. The Guard said the meth was found in 720 plastic bottles marked as garden fertilizer, packed into 60 cardboard boxes. The meth was estimated to be worth around \$8.5 million. The boxes had been shipped from Culiacan, the capital of Sinaloa state, home to the drug cartel of the same name, and was destined for the northern border city of Tijuana.

SOURCE: 9 October 2020, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Philippines – Authorities Arrest Suspected Indonesian Would-Be Suicide Bomber

(U) Jolo – Philippine forces on Saturday captured a suspected Indonesian would-be suicide bomber who the army believes was involved in a “very imminent” plot to attack a southern town, officials said. Army troops and police arrested Rezky Fantasya Rullie with two Filipino women, who were suspected to be the wives of Abu Sayyaf militants, in a house in southern Jolo town in Sulu province where they found an

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explosive vest and bomb components, the military's Western Mindanao Command said. Philippine troops have intensified a manhunt for would-be bombers in the restive south following nearly simultaneous suicide attacks by two women militants that killed 15 people and wounded 75 others in August in Jolo town in the country's worst extremist attack this year.

SOURCE: 9 October 2020, [ABC News](#)

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